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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A ceramic capacitor comprising a ceramic dielectric body and at least two spaced-apart electrodes in contact with said body wherein at least 80 weight percent of said body consists of alumina, said body further comprising at least 0.5 BaTiO₃ w/w%, at least 0.5 w/w% MgO, less than [$<$] 0.05 w/w% SiO₂, at least 4.5 w/w% ZrO₂ and at least 0.07 w/w% HfO₂.

Claim 2 (original): A capacitor according to claim 1 comprising between 0.5 and 15 w/w% BaTiO₃.

Claim 3 (currently amended): A ceramic capacitor according to claim 1 wherein said ceramic dielectric body comprises between about 80-92 w/w% Al₂O₃, about 0.5 and 15 w/w% BaTiO₃, about 0.5-1.0 w/w% MgO, about less than [$<$] 0.05-1.0 w/w% SiO₂, about 4.5-7.5 w/w% ZrO₂ and about 0.07-0.13 w/w% HfO₂ and wherein the sum of the components does not exceed 100%.

Claim 4 (original): A ceramic capacitor according to claim 1 wherein said ceramic dielectric body comprises up to 15 w/w% BaTiO₃, up to 1.0 w/w% MgO, up to 92 w/w% Al₂O₃, up to 1 w/w% SiO₂, up to 7.5 w/w% ZrO₂ and up to 0.125 w/w% HfO₂.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A ceramic capacitor according to claim 1 wherein said ceramic dielectric body comprises about 90.5 w/w% Al₂O₃, 2.5 w/w% BaTiO₃, less than [$<$] 0.05 w/w% SiO₂, 6 w/w% ZrO₂, 0.6 w/w% MgO and 0.1 w/w% HfO₂.

Claim 6 (original): A ceramic capacitor according to claim 1 wherein said ceramic dielectric body comprises about 87 w/w% Al₂O₃, 6 w/w% BaTiO₃ < 0.05 w/w% SiO₂, 6 w/w% ZrO₂, 0.6 w/w% MgO and 0.1 w/w% HfO₂.

Claim 7 (original): A ceramic capacitor according to claim 1 wherein said ceramic dielectric body has a dielectric constant of at least 23.

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A ceramic capacitor comprising a ceramic dielectric body and at least two spaced-apart electrodes in contact with said body wherein at least 80 weight percent of said body consists of alumina, said body further comprising at least 0.5 BaTiO₃ w/w%, at least 0.5 w/w% MgO, less than [$<$] 0.05 w/w% SiO₂, at least 4.5 w/w% ZrO₂ and at least 0.07 w/w% HfO₂.
2. A capacitor according to claim 1 comprising between 0.5 and 15 w/w% BaTiO₃.
3. A ceramic capacitor according to claim 1 wherein said ceramic dielectric body comprises between about 80-92 w/w% Al₂O₃, about 0.5 and 15 w/w% BaTiO₃, about 0.5-1.0 w/w% MgO, about less than [$<$] 0.05-1.0 w/w% SiO₂, about 4.5-7.5 w/w% ZrO₂ and about 0.07-0.13 w/w% HfO₂ and wherein the sum of the components does not exceed 100%.
4. A ceramic capacitor according to claim 1 wherein said ceramic dielectric body comprises up to 15 w/w% BaTiO₃, up to 1.0 w/w% MgO, up to 92 w/w% Al₂O₃, up to 1 w/w% SiO₂, up to 7.5 w/w% ZrO₂ and up to 0.125 w/w% HfO₂.
5. A ceramic capacitor according to claim 1 wherein said ceramic dielectric body comprises about 90.5 w/w% Al₂O₃, 2.5 w/w% BaTiO₃, less than [$<$] 0.05 w/w% SiO₂, 6 w/w% ZrO₂, 0.6 w/w% MgO and 0.1 w/w% HfO₂.
6. A ceramic capacitor according to claim 1 wherein said ceramic dielectric body comprises about 87 w/w% Al₂O₃, 6 w/w% BaTiO₃ < 0.05 w/w% SiO₂, 6 w/w% ZrO₂, 0.6 w/w% MgO and 0.1 w/w% HfO₂.
7. A ceramic capacitor according to claim 1 wherein said ceramic dielectric body has a dielectric constant of at least 23.